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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has canceled all claims rejected by the Examiner, leaving only those deemed allowable by the Examiner (claims 21-23). The only amendments to the claims made herein are cancellations of rejected claims; this amendment therefore complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(1) regarding amendments permitted after final actions.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes the application to be in condition for allowance and requests that such action be taken at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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